

MINUTES
JOHN FAWKNER SECONDARY COLLEGE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 25th August 2016

Present: P. Condell, R. Nevill, J. Costanzo, J. D'alessandro, Kieran McDowell, F.Maisano, T.Vella, A.Anderson, J.Daglas, T. Houston

Student Reps: Larissa Moretti

ABSENT: W. Carson, I.Baf, M.Carson,

APOLOGIES: V.Butcher

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of previous meeting presented –

Moved: F.Maisano Seconded: J.Daglas

Business arising from previous minutes:

- Charity flagged at last meeting – Investigated by W.Carson – some contentious issues & has since has been changed to Yoralla.

Principal's Report:

Principal report tabled and spoken to - see attached

- Parents and friends will meet but have not yet met date has been set in coming weeks.
- FISO Initiative our school is taking steps to make further connection within community, parents and wider community. We are aiming to bring people into school. A coffee shop has been flagged in future. Doveton College – very proactive in this. Opening doors to community and come in and see what is being done.
- Exemplary what teachers are doing in classrooms and we want parents and community to see this.
- Thank you to Raelene for organising Governance Training for school council.
- Information evenings are progressing well. Thank you to coordinators for hard work.
- Course counselling for year 9's into 10 – accelerated program being offered to students – all year 10's will be picking up a VCE subject in order to challenge students and improve outcomes. Will be evaluated as we go. In line with our objectives of higher expectations.
- We want to cater for broader spectrum – work on differentiated.
- Breakfast club working well.
- Whole school assembly successful having parents here, will invite them from now on.
- Next term staff will be given more time to roll out elements of 7-10 curriculum, in line with FISO improvement of outcomes. Trying to keep consistency across the schools, more wellbeing flavour (eg. Study of religions.). Domains currently working on Vic Curriculum and changes – we are on track with planning.
- Powerful teaching and learning programs continue.
- Targeted literacy is a focus across the school, new strategies for literacy in home group for 2017. Naplan results show a trend across the state, were down. This year, our results are up! Data is attached to cohort of students and we will be watching for VCE results.

- Communities of Practice is continuing in the region, with teams of principals working collaboratively. Two lots of principal teams – One team – secondary – looking at wellbeing;
- Second team involving primary school look after Hume Moreland looking at sharing good practice and resources. Benefit for students, valuable support services, good practice, department wants everyone to collaborate and students to improve. Principals used to be insular, working alone. Recent studies show cooperative learning is needed across schools. We are actively involved as needed.
- Parent Teacher information has been sent out – year 12's will be two fold, students will be required to have meetings with teachers and second meeting with principals. Student free day. Text messages reminding parents of dates also being done.
- School council representative invited to AIP day – leadership day 30TH August – at Epping Secondary College. Day will be reviewing goals, what's been achieved, strategic plan review to establish new Strategic plan from 2018 – 2022.
- New AIP needs to incorporate new FISO initiatives, will need to be worked on to make it work.
- Bastow training almost complete for Principal. – few more dates in September will ensure its completed. Being part of another schools review process – project will be formalised in a published report and will be presented to council when completed. Thank you to Helen who has been very valuable and accommodating to our school needs.
- Leave letters for staff / return to work staff for 2017 – excess in ES (over entitled) we may have a situation where we need people full time – stability is critical for all students. We try to accommodate (AEU etc.) we need to do what is paramount for our school. Currently looking at over entitlements, we need to be wary of drop in enrolments for next year.
- Allowing students to do accelerated subjects allows for more space and availability to accommodate as many as possible. School is growing predication for year 7 is looking at 2 classes, approximately 20 new SIPP students. Lots of variety in students coming to our school.
- Over entitlement needs to be looked at over 3 years, needs of school. Excess process is not a nice road to go down. Evaluation of programs e.g SIPP program, effective but also expensive. Worth running programs that benefit our students.
 - When looking at strategic management of school, many factors will be looked at in line with our needs. Keeping resources, grow capacity in staff... might be a difficult process.
 - Part time staffing has been clarified from AEU – If you go part time, you remain part time until you put in writing that a full time allotment is now the intention. Department will keep current status until change is made in writing. JFC not having Part time available for people as we want more consistency in the classrooms.

Principal's report completed.

Facilities Report: J. D'Alessandro

- DEECD have again required financial documents to note allocations of current funding.
- Discretionary funding allocated: Plumbing is very problematic we need to continue to go through emergency management.

Correspondence in:

- Movie being made and they want to use our school bus (old style,) for a day, the 6th September curriculum day would be good. Will avoid school signs being seen.
- Letter from E. Hasip – MCCF budget for new uniforms and training apparel \$2500 for 2016.

Finance Report : J. D'Alessandro

Finance documentation presented

- Balance as at 30th July 2016 - \$ 282,346.23
- Request to school council to increase the MCCF budget by \$2,500

That all accounts presented to council at this meeting be passed for payment and the accounts since last meeting but not presented be endorsed.

Moved: F.Maisano Seconded: Tracey Vella

GENERAL & OTHER BUSINESS

- Request to school council to increase the MCCF budget by \$2,500 for new student uniforms, however the program costs us \$100,000 per year and we are unable to cover the cost of students who come in late in the year. They will need to purchase these items themselves. SIPP element is bringing parents, who want curriculum and sports program. Request denied.
- Sub-committee to be established for the MCCF and SIPP program. Kieran, Ercan, Joanne and Paula to discuss to review the general cost for 2017
- We are looking at a possible café in the library and money has been allocated for the library upgrade
- Standing orders were discussed and noted that they need to be changed to fit with JFC. Further discussions on this at the next meeting in order for council members to read the documentation.
- Student free day 6th September
- Boyfriend short film requested a driver, however they were told no driver was available.
- VICSO/School Governance – it has been advised not to pay. Raelene made some enquires and asked to go on an interim board

Moved: R.Neville Seconded: J.Daglas

SRC

- Year 10 students asking for a Formal - Larissa presented their proposal
 - Run it at JFC (Gym) as a school event, JFC would oversee it.
 - No parent if at school
 - What is the purpose of the formal?
- Yr 7-9 checking toilets to report any issues, as students were reporting they were avoiding the toilets at school because of the poor condition they are in

Moved: A.Anderson Seconded: R.Nevill

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

- Letter to Paula and Anna Hunter were posted out

Next Meeting: 15th September 2016

Meeting Closed: 6.00pm